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For: POSITION DETECTING APPARATUS, AND	)	
OPTICAL APPARATUS COMPRISING	:	
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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed PTO-1449 form. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

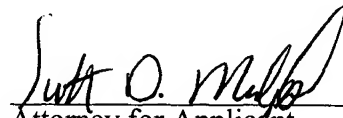
For the Examiner's information, Japanese document No. 6-105206 corresponds to U.S. Patent No. 5,453,684.

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Respectfully submitted,

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		<b>5,453,684</b>	<b>9/26/1995</b>	<b>Nakayama</b>	<b>324</b>	<b>207.12</b>	
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		<b>6-105206</b>	<b>4/15/1994</b>	<b>Japan</b>			<b>Abstract</b>
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